



## Car Safety Seats: Snug as a Bug in a Rug...

Child passenger safety should be a big concern for every driver. Traffic accidents are still the leading cause of death to children! Each year thousands of children are killed or injured in car crashes. You can prevent this from happening by using safety seats and seat belts properly on every car trip you take.

### What's a person to do?

- **ALL KIDS UNDER 13 SHOULD RIDE IN THE BACK SEATS!** If the car has no back seat, move the front seat back as far as possible, turn off the airbag, and use the right child safety seat.
- Infants under 1 year of age AND children less than 20 lbs should be in rear-facing safety seats.
- Make every car safety seat snug to the vehicle, so it cannot move more than 1 inch in any direction.
- Make all harness straps snug, so no more than 2 fingers fit between the straps and child.
- In cold weather, do not strap your child in their car safety seat wearing a coat. This makes straps too loose. Put the coat over the child after they are strapped into their car safety seat.
- Check that seats and straps are snug at least once a month.
- Always read and follow manufacturers' instructions.

### PROPER CHILD SAFETY SEAT USE

#### BUCKLE EVERYONE: TIGHT IS RIGHT—SEAT TO AUTO/KIDS TO SEATS

	Infant Seats	Child Seats	Booster Seats
<b>WEIGHT/HEIGHT</b>	Birth to at least 1 year and at least 20 lbs.	Over 1 year and over 20 lbs.	4 to 8 years & Over 40 lbs. Until 4'9" or 57" tall.
<b>TYPE OF SEAT</b>	Infant-only OR rear-facing convertible	Forward-facing Convertible	Belt-positioning booster
<b>SEAT POSITION</b>	Rear-facing ONLY. Reclining 45 degrees. Back seat & middle.	Forward-facing. Fully upright. Back seat/middle if possible.	Forward-facing. Fully upright. Back seat/middle if possible
<b><u>ALWAYS MAKE SURE</u></b>	Harness straps at or below shoulders & SNUG. Chest clip used at armpit level. Listen for clasps to click.	Harness straps at or above shoulders & SNUG. Chest clip used at armpit level.	Both lap & shoulder belts in correct positions & SNUG. Use built-in shoulder belt guides.
<b><u>WARNING</u></b>	NEVER put in front of active airbag. Strap before you wrap! Newborns need padded support until harness fits (head/trunk/crotch) snug.	NEVER put close to active airbag. NEVER allow kids to share safety seats or seat belts.	ALL kids under 13 should ride in back seats. Check on kids who put themselves in seats.